

# City Scoop



## SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Youth spring sports registration opens on Monday, Dec. 4! First up is spring soccer, which is offered to youth from toddler-aged to 8th graders. Matches are generally held on Saturdays in March and April at Covington Community Park and Kentwood High School. There is also one weekday evening practice per week that is determined by the volunteer coach.

After soccer, we will transition to t-ball, coach pitch, and baseball. These games are held on Saturdays at Kentwood High School in May and June and also have one weekday evening practice per week that is determined by the volunteer coach.

Volunteer coaches are always needed. If you can help out with coaching, please email our Athletics Specialist, Sean Conway for a coaching application at [athletics@covingtonwa.gov](mailto:athletics@covingtonwa.gov)

## WINTER REC PROGRAMS

Registration for Covington Parks and Recreation winter classes is now open. This winter we bring you a great selection of classes from educational to fitness to sports skills and more!

Bring the family to one of our free Star Parties at Covington Community Park to star gaze with members of the Seattle Astronomical Society or try the Owl Prowl at Soos Creek Park where you will learn about and see owls in their natural habitat.

Active kids can also enjoy gymnastics, the Kidz Love Soccer program, dancing classes, RizzKids, karate, Ninja Kids, and EBI Basketball Skill Classes. We also offer Super Sitters and Safe at Home classes as well as art, Musikgarten, and Kids in the Kitchen classes. Active adults can take karate, Stroller Strides and Stroller Barre, Bootcamp and Zumba Gold classes. Register today at [www.covingtonwa.gov/parks](http://www.covingtonwa.gov/parks).

## 2018 MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM BEGINS IN JANUARY

The City's Minor Home Repair Program will have new opportunities to apply for a Minor Home Repair grant beginning in January 2018. This Minor Home Repair Program is funded by a Community Development Block Grant and provides free home repair for eligible minor home repair projects like repairing or replacing hot water heaters, gutter damage, and other types of problems.

To be eligible, the home must be owner-occupied and located within city limits. There is a one-year residency requirement and homeowners must have no plans to sell their home within a year. Owners must also be income eligible according to HUD income guidelines. These new low to moderate income guidelines will also be available in January.

For more information about this program, please contact the city's human services office at 253-480-2411.

## CITY COMMISSION OPENINGS

Do you want to be an advocate for parks and recreation in Covington? Would you like to be a proactive participant in city government? Now is your chance to get involved because the Parks and Recreation Commission has three openings for adults or youth (age 14-18) who live inside Covington or within a three mile radius of city limits.

Applications for commission openings can be found on the city website at [www.covingtonwa.gov](http://www.covingtonwa.gov) or by contacting Deputy City Clerk Joan Michaud at [jmichaud@covingtonwa.gov](mailto:jmichaud@covingtonwa.gov). Applications will be processed in December and interviews are scheduled for Jan. 9.

## HOLLYDAZE FLOAT-IN MOVIES

CATCH A HOLIDAY MOVIE WHILE ENJOYING A DIP

The Hollydaze Float-in Movies have moved to Saturday evenings this December. Register online for one, two or all three of the events that include viewing classic holiday films and fun activities with prizes!



Float-in movies will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday, December 2 - 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, December 9 - 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, December 16 - 6-8 p.m.

Pre-registration is required and can be done online at [www.covingtonwa.gov/cac](http://www.covingtonwa.gov/cac) or by phone at (253) 480-2480.

### WINTER BREAK SWIMMING

While the weather outside may be frightful, we think the pool is quite delightful! This winter break, the Covington Aquatic Center will be open for all regularly scheduled programs throughout the break except for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

The aquatics center will also have some extra "No School" swims on designated weekdays, which offer 90-minute swims at the regular 1-hour public swim rate. The "No School" swims will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, December 18 – Friday, December 22 - 1-2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 26 – Friday, December 29 - 1-2:30 p.m.

## SEAHORSE DAY TO CELEBRATE ART IN COVINGTON

If you've been to or driven by the Covington Aquatic Center, chances are you have seen the SeaHorse sculpture created by artist Ben Dye. The sculpture was installed at the Covington Aquatic Center on December 13, 2014, and it as become a beloved landmark and mascot of sorts since its installation. The Covington Aquatic Center's Youth Summer Swim Team even adopted the SeaHorse as their mascot.



To celebrate the SeaHorse's third anniversary in Covington, the Covington Aquatic Center will be collecting donations to benefit the Covington Public Art Fund on Wednesday, Dec. 13. For stopping by and donating \$2 or more that day, donors will receive one free admission coupon to use for a public swim any time in the remainder of the month. So, please, come feed the SeaHorse!

## HOLLYDAZE EVENTS - DEC. 2

Don't miss out on Santa riding in on the fire truck this year! Beginning at 4 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 2, craft activities for kids, live performances, hot cocoa, cider and treats will kick-off the community tree lighting event located by the Don Henning Roundabout next to Fred Meyer!

The Covington Kiwanis Club also provides a variety of other activities around town during their Hollydaze event. You can enjoy a brisk run (or walk) in the Reindeer Dash 5k, grab some grub at the annual Pancake Breakfast, or shop dozens of vendors at the Hollydaze Craft Bazaar. More details and times for these activities can be found online at [www.covingtonhollydaze.com](http://www.covingtonhollydaze.com).

### JENKINS CREEK PARK MASTER PLAN

The City of Covington is continuing its master plan process for Jenkins Creek Park. **Phase 2** is underway:

#### Schematic Design and Implementation

- Develop design alternatives (Nov)
- Public Workshop # 3 (Date TBD)
- Master Plan design
- Complete the Master Plan for approval by the City Council (Jan)

Please visit the link below to sign up for email notices!

[bit.ly/jenkinscreek](http://bit.ly/jenkinscreek)

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## Hollydaze Float-in Movie

at the Covington Aquatic Center

Saturday Nights 6-8 pm  
December 2, 9, & 16, 2017

Enjoy a classic holiday movie while floating and swimming around the pool! There will be fun games and activities with holiday prizes each night!

Pre-registration  
General Fee: \$11.25; Covington Discounted Fee \$9.00

Register online at [www.covingtonwa.gov/cac](http://www.covingtonwa.gov/cac)  
Register by phone at (253) 480-2480

## City of Covington's Community Tree Lighting

On Saturday  
**DEC. 2**

ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES 4-6 P.M.

\*168th Place SE in Fred Meyer Lot

- ★ Make-and-take ornament craft for kids!
- ★ Sugar cookie decorating for kids!
- ★ Letters to Santa with the Covington Youth Council!
- ★ Free hot cocoa, cider, pastries and other goodies! provided by the Covington Kiwanis and Covington Rotary Clubs
- ★ Schedule of events:
  - 4 p.m. Performance by Looking Glass Theater & Craft Activities
  - 4:40 p.m. Scrooge the Musical Excerpt - Kent Stake LDS Church
  - 5 p.m. TREE LIGHTING!
  - 5:10 p.m. Community Caroling and Music
  - 5:30 p.m. Santa Rides in on a Fire Truck

Tree lighting brought to you by:

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- red canoe
- PROLIANCE

Visit [www.CovingtonHollydaze.com](http://www.CovingtonHollydaze.com) for more info on other Hollydaze events presented by the Covington Kiwanis Club.



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